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[RECENT EVENTS FROM THE DOCKET REPORT FOR CASE: 1:98cv02944]

10/15/02 126 MINUTE ORDER of 10/15/02 by Hon. David H. Coar : Combined motion and memorandum for withdrawal of appearance. Answer brief to motion due 10/22/02. [125-1] Reply to answer brief due 10/30/02. Hearing on combined motion and memorandum for withdrawal of appearance set for 11/7/02 at 9:00 a.m. No notice (eav) [Entry date 10/16/02]

10/16/02 127 UNOPPOSED MOTION by plaintiff Vardon Golf Co Inc for withdrawal of appearance of Michael P. Mazza ; Notice of motion (eav) [Entry date 10/23/02]

10/22/02 128 MINUTE ORDER of 10/22/02 by Hon. David H. Coar : Unopposed motion for withdrawal of appearance is continued to 10/24/02 at 9:00, defendants will be appearing by phone. [127-1] Mailed notice (eav) [Entry date 10/23/02]

10/24/02 129 MINUTE ORDER of 10/24/02 by Hon. David H. Coar: Unopposed motion for withdrawal of appearance is granted and terminated [127-1]. Leave granted Michael P. Mazza (as associated with the law firm of Niro Scavone, Haller and Nero) to withdraw his appearance. Mailed notice (cv) [Entry date 10/25/02]

11/5/02 130 MEMORANDUM in RESPONSE by attorney's Seavone, Niro, Solon and Vogt to 11/30/02 Vardon Golf letter of withdrawal. (gy) [Entry date 11/06/02]

11/7/02 131 MINUTE ORDER of 11/7/02 by Hon. David H. Coar : Plaintiff's motion for withdrawal of appearances of Thomas G. Scavone, Dean D. Niro, Patrick F. Solon and Keith A. Vogt is granted. [125-1] Mailed notice (eav) [Entry date 11/08/02]

12/10/02 132 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of receipt of short record on appeal USCA 02-4157 (eav) [Entry date 12/11/02]

12/19/02 133 TRANSCRIPT of proceedings for the following date(s): Held on 11/07/02 before Honorable David H. Coar. (cm) [Entry date 12/23/02]

[END OF DOCKET: 1:98cv2944]

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** SS 1: Results 1

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PN - US5301941 A 19940412 [US5301941]
TI - (A) Golf club head with increased radius of gyration and face reinforcement
PA - (A) VARDON GOLF COMPANY INC (US)
IN - (A) ALLEN DILLIS V (US)
AP - US88256192 19920513 [1992US-0882561]
PR - US88256192 19920513 [1992US-0882561]
IC - (A) A63B-053/04 B22D-019/00
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ICO - K63B-053/04A6B
PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 473327000; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 164034000
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DT - Basic
CT - USD229431; US-572436; US-922444; US1459810; US1568888; US1587758;
US1678637; US2083189; US2429351; US3077350; US3652093; US3847399;
US3873094; US4076254; US4679792; US4681322; US4730830; US4930781;
US5060951; AU211781; JP0049130; GB15597
STG - (A) United States patent

AB - An improved high impact metal clubhead with a unique reinforced composite face wall, increased radius of gyration, and a positive lift air foil surface contour. The composite face wall includes an impact supporting wall rigidified by a pattern of integrally cast reinforcing bars that extend forwardly, rather than rearwardly, from the supporting wall. The reinforced supporting wall is covered by a very hard plastic ball striking insert that is cast in situ over the supporting wall. The increase in radius of gyration is accomplished by extending the heel and toe portions of the clubhead along the face wall further from the geometric center of the head, beyond present day parameters for high impact clubheads. And the positive lift is effected by contouring the top wall of the clubhead downwardly and rearwardly from the base wall more severely almost to the plane of the sole plate, and flattening the rear wall so it is almost co-planar with the sole plate. This configuration results in the top wall being equal to or greater in length than the combined length of the sole plate and rear wall in a vertical plane extending through the clubhead along the target line. The laws of continuity of matter and the air foil shape of the top wall eliminate the negative lift or drag in today's "woods" and offer the possibility of some positive lift to increase ball overspin.

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PN - US 5301941 [US5301941]
AP - US 882561/92 19920513 [1992US-0882561]
DT - US-P
ACT - 19920513 US/AE-A
APPLICATION DATA (PATENT)
US 882561/92 19920513 [1992US-0882561]

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ASSIGNMENT OF ASSIGNOR'S INTEREST
VARDON GOLF COMPANY, INC. * ALLEN, DILLIS V. : 19920508

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EXPIRED DUE TO FAILURE TO PAY MAINTENANCE FEE
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PA - Vardon Golf Co Inc
ACT - 19950109 REISSUE REQUESTED
ISSUE DATE OF O.G.: 19950314
REISSUE REQUEST NUMBER: 08/369910
EXAMINATION GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR REISSUEPROCESS: 3304

Reissue Patent Number:

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REISSUE REQUEST NUMBER: 08/880748
EXAMINATION GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR REISSUEPROCESS: 3304
Reissue Patent Number: USRE36950

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REISSUE REQUEST NUMBER: 09/378131
EXAMINATION GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR REISSUEPROCESS: 3742

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AN - 200243-001622
PN - 5301941 A [US5301941]
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PN - 5301941 A [US5301941]
OG - 2002-06-11
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OG - 2002-03-19
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AN - 200107-001308
PN - 5301941 A [US5301941]
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AN - 200045-001269
PN - 5301941 A [US5301941]
OG - 2000-11-07
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PN - 5301941 A [US5301941]
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PN - 5301941 A [US5301941]
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PN - 5301941 A [US5301941]
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AN - 199921-001402
PN - 5301941 A [US5301941]
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PN - 5301941 A [US5301941]
OG - 1997-11-11
ACT - REISSUE APPLICATION FILED

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AN - 199511-001095
PN - 5301941 A [US5301941]
OG - 1995-03-14
ACT - REISSUE APPLICATION FILED

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AN - P2002-43-11
FS - PATENT (P)

PN - US5301941 19940412 (Utility)
 PF - Vardon Golf Company Incorporated
 DF - Biam/General Titaniu Incorporated, et al
 CT - IL, Northern Dist.
 DN - 01 C 5909
 FD - 2001-08-01
 AD - 2002-09-13
 ACT - Order entered.

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 AN - P2002-43-10
 XR - P1999-21-70
 FS - PATENT (P)
 PN - US5301941 19940412 (Utility)
 PF - Vardon Golf Company Incorporated
 DF - Karsten Manufacturing Corporation
 CT - IL, Northern dist.
 DN - 99-CV-2785
 FD - 1999-04-27
 AD - 2002-08-07
 ACT - Jury verdict in favor of the defendant & against the plaintiff.
 Judgment is hereby entered in favor of the defendant & against
 plaintiff. This case is closed.
 OPN - US5401021

3 / 7 LITA - ©Thomson Derwent
 AN - P2001-07-36
 XR - P1999-21-69
 FS - PATENT (P)
 PN - US5301941 19940412 (Utility)
 PF - Vardon Golf Company Incorporated
 DF - Rossignol Ski Company Incorporated;
 et al
 CT - IL, Northern Dist.
 DN - 99C2784
 FD - 1999-04-27
 AD - 2001-01-29
 ACT - Order by Judge Norgle entered.
 OPN - US5401021

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 AN - P2000-04-22
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 PN - US5301941 19940412 (Utility)
 PF - Vardon Golf Company Incorporated
 DF - Golfsmith International Incorporated, et al
 CT - IL, Northern Dist.
 DN - 98 C 2944
 FD - 1998-05-13
 AD - 1999-12-22
 ACT - Attached certified copy of Judge Coar's.
 OPN - US5401021
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ACT - A complaint was filed.
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REINFORCEMENT
IN - ALLEN DILLIS V [US]
PA - VARDON GOLF COMPANY INC [US]
AP - US 880748/97-A 19970623 [1997US-0880748]
PR - US 880748/97-A 19970623 [1997US-0880748]
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IC - A63B-053/02; A63B-053/04; B22D-019/00

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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE GRANTED PATENT

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April 12, 1994

Golf club head with increased radius of gyration and face
reinforcement

REEXAM-LITIGATE: August 1, 2001 ()

NOTICE OF LITIGATION

Vardon Golf Company, Inc. v. Biam/General Titaniu, Inc., et al, Filed August 1,
2001, N.D. Illinois, Doc. No. 01 C 5909

Status hearing is stricken. Plaintiff and remaining defendants have settled.
This case as to remaining defendants is dismissed with prejudice and each side to
bear its own costs April 27, 1999 ()

NOTICE OF LITIGATION

Vardon Golf Company, Inc. v. Karsten Manufacturing Corporation, Filed April 27,
1999, N.D. Illinois, Doc. No. 99-CV-2785

Jury verdict in favor of the defendant and against the plaintiff.

NOTICE OF LITIGATION

NOTICE OF LITIGATION Vardon Golf Company, Inc. v. Rossignol Ski Company, Inc.,
etal., Filed Apr. 27, 1999, D.C. N.D. Illinois, Doc. No. 99 C 2784 Judge Norgle's
Order of Dismissal with Prejudice dated 1/29/01

NOTICE OF LITIGATION

NOTICE OF LITIGATION Vardon Golf Company, Inc. v. Golfsmith International, Inc.,
et al., Filed May 13, 1998, D.C. N.D. Illinois, Doc. No. 98 C 2944

REISSUE: Reissue Application filed Aug. 20, 1999 (O.G. Mar. 19, 2002) Ex. Gp.:
3742; Re. S.N. 09/378,131 This Patent was reissued on Nov. 7, 2000 as Reissue
Patent Re 36,950. Reissue Application filed Jun. 23, 1997 (O.G. Nov. 11, 1997)
Ex. Gp.: 3304; Re. S.N. 08/880,748 Reissue Application filed Jan. 9, 1995 (O.G.
Mar. 14, 1995) Ex. Gp.: 3304; Re. S. N. 08/369,910, (O.G. March 19, 2002)

APPL-NO: 882561 (07)

FILED-DATE: May 13, 1992

GRANTED-DATE: April 12, 1994

ENGLISH-ABST:

An improved high impact metal clubhead with a unique reinforced composite face wall, increased radius of gyration, and a positive lift air foil surface contour. The composite face wall includes an impact supporting wall rigidified by a pattern of integrally cast reinforcing bars that extend forwardly, rather than rearwardly, from the supporting wall. The reinforced supporting wall is covered by a very hard plastic ball striking insert that is cast in situ over the supporting wall. The increase in radius of gyration is accomplished by extending the heel and toe portions of the clubhead along the face wall further from the geometric center of the head, beyond present day parameters for high impact clubheads. And the positive lift is effected by contouring the top wall of the clubhead downwardly and rearwardly from the base wall more severely almost to the plane of the sole plate, and flattening the rear wall so it is almost co-planar with the sole plate. This configuration results in the top wall being equal to or greater in length than the combined length of the sole plate and rear wall in a vertical plane extending through the clubhead along the target line. The laws of continuity of matter and the air foil shape of the top wall eliminate the negative lift or drag in today's "woods" and offer the possibility of some positive lift to increase ball overspin.